

2nd Called

# PROCLAMATION

BY THE

## Governor of the State of Texas

41-792

 REPRODUCED FROM THE  
HOLDINGS OF THE  
TEXAS STATE ARCHIVES

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

I am vetoing and filing with the Secretary of State House Bill Number 40 of the Second Called Session, Fifty-sixth Legislature, relating to authority of the State Board of Water Engineers to grant limited term permits.

This bill is identical to House Bill 27, Regular Session of the Fifty-sixth Legislature, except that it apparently could apply to only one county. Since I vetoed H. B. 27 on June 1, 1959, I must veto H. B. 40 for the same reasons. In fact, the bracket feature contained in H. B. 40 makes it even more objectionable than H. B. 27. It constitutes bad precedent and poor policy to devise water legislation applicable only to particular counties or areas. The streams of Texas and the rainfall supplying them do not respect county boundaries, and no plausible reason exists for treating a county in one population - valuation bracket any differently than other counties in the State. The water appropriation statutes of Texas are already in a state of confusion and to initiate a series of "local" bills on the subject would contribute to the chaos.

House Bill Number 40 was received in the Governor's Office less than ten (10) days prior to the adjournment of the Second Called Session of the Fifty-sixth Legislature, and in accordance with the Constitution, the bill, together with this proclamation, is being filed with the Secretary of State.



By the Governor

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed my name officially and caused the Seal of State to be affixed hereto at Austin, this the 5th day of August, A.D., 1959.

Governor of Texas

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE  
SECRETARY OF STATE

7:15 P.M. OCTOBER

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Secretary of State